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**Governor Rell Signs Eight Mile River Watershed Protection Bill
Cosponsored By Rep. Giuliano**



Legislation cosponsored by state Representative Marilyn Giuliano, R-23rd District, that will protect a portion of the Eight Mile River watershed while it is being evaluated by the federal government for designation as a national Wild and Scenic River was signed into law Tuesday by Governor M. Jodi Rell.

The measure (Public Act 05-18) passed the State House April 20th. The State Senate approved it April 27th. Both chambers approved the measure on unanimous votes.

“I’d like to thank Governor Rell for signing this bill into law in such a timely manner. It provides the additional protection the Eight Mile River watershed needs to ensure no development takes place there while the federal government is conducting its study,” Representative Giuliano said.

“The Eight Mile River watershed is one of the region’s most beautiful natural treasures. It is also a fragile resource that once developed would be lost forever to the generations that will follow us. It is an irreplaceable natural resource that now will remain unspoiled for the enjoyment of hikers, anglers and boaters. It’s great news for Lyme, East Haddam and Salem residents - and for conservationists throughout southeast Connecticut - who have been working for many years to ensure the Eight Mile River watershed is preserved forever in its natural state,” Representative Giuliano said.